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Classified By: CDA Christopher Henzel for reasons 1.4 (b) and (d)

¶1. (C) With the Foreign Minister in Muscat, CDA made reftel demarche December 30 to MFA Under Secretary Abdulaziz bin Mubarak Al Khalifah, and separately to ministerial aide Ambassador Saeed Al Faihani.

¶2. (C) Both officials agreed to brief the FM on U.S. concerns. Both expressed doubt that the Arab League summit would convene in Doha January 2 as announced.

¶3. (C) Shaikh Abdulaziz worried that the conflict would weaken moderate Arab governments. He also commented that the Bahraini proposal for a new regional organization (ref B) that included Israel was now likely to go nowhere.

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